

In re application of HULLENDER et al.
Serial No. 09/528,889

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REMARKS

The Office action has been carefully considered. The Office action rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10-15, 17, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Paek et al., "On-line Korean Character Recognition by Using Two Types of Neural Networks," (hereinafter Paek). Claims 7 and 21-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Su et al., "Segmentation and Recognition of Unconstrained Numerals on Chinese Bank-Check," (hereinafter Su). Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,233,352 to Yoshii (hereinafter Yoshii). Claims 3, 9 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Paek in view of Wang et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,926,566 (hereinafter Wang). Claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Paek in view of Su. Claim 26 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshii in view of Su. And claim 27 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshii in view of Paek. The Office action also objected to claim 6 for being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and indicated it would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that the subject matter recited in claim 6 is allowable. By present amendment, claims 1-27 have been canceled; and claims 28-30 have been added as new. Claim 28 includes the subject matter of allowable claim 6, intervening claims 4-5, and base claim 1; claims 29-30 include the subject matter of claims 2-3 that were previously dependent upon base claim 1; and

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claims 1-6 were canceled as duplicative. Applicants submit that all the pending claims now include the allowable subject matter indicated.

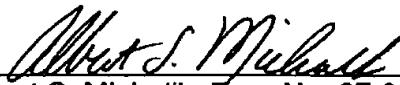
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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 28-30 are patentable over the prior art of record, and that the application is in good and proper form for allowance. A favorable action on the part of the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (425) 836-3030.

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